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SUBJECT : EMERGENCY LANDING AT AJACCIO (CORSICA)

AIRPORT BY BRITISH AIRWAYS TRIDENT THREE

1. SUMMARY : A BRITISH AIRWAYS TRIDENT THREE, PURPORTEDLY WITH A BOMB ABOARD, MADE AN EMERGENCY LANDING AT AJACCIO AIRPORT DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 7. THE FLIGHT, FROM MALTA TO LONDON, COUNTED AMONG ITS PASSENGERS THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA, DON MINTOFF, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT. DESPITE SEARCHES OF PLANE AND BAGGAGE, NO BOMB WAS FOUND. END SUMMARY.

2. AT APPROX 15.45 LOCAL TIME ON JUNE 7, 1977 THE CONTROL TOWER OF CAMPO-DELL ORO AIRPORT AT AJACCIO, CORSICA, RECEIVED AN SOS MESSAGE FROM THE PILOT OF A BRITISH AIRWAYS TRIDENT THREE EN ROUTE FOR LONDON FROM MALTA. TAKE OFF FROM MALTA, IT IS REPORTED, WAS NORMAL AND WHILE THE PLANE WAS AT CRUISING ALTITUDE, THE PILOT RECEIVED A RADIO MESSAGE FROM THE MALTESE CONTROL TOWER INFORMING HIM THAT A TELEPHONE CALL HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHICH INDICATED THAT A BOMB HAD BEEN PLACED

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ABOARD. THE PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED TO LAND AT NEAREST AIRPORT.

3. AMONG THE PASSENGERS ENROUTE TO LONDON TO PARTICIPATE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, WERE THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA, MR DON MINTOFF, ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, NOTABLY, EDGAR MIZZI, MINISTER OF JUSTICE : MORRIS ABELA, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS :

ALBERT MIZZI, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT : JOSEPH CASSAR, MINISTER
FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT: AND VICTOR PACE, SECURITY OFFICER.

4. AT THE REQUEST OF LONDON , THE PLANE WAS NOT SEARCHED
UNTIL 18.00,WHEN A POLICE ARTIFICER WENT ABOARD ACCOMPANIED
BY THE PREFET DE LA REGION CORSE, MR YVES BURGALAT AND
MEMBERS OF THE TRIDENT CREW. AFTER THE SEARCH, THE BAGGAGE WAS
UNLOADED AND PASSENGERS WERE REQUESTED TO CLAIM THEIR
BAGGAGE ONE BY ONE. NO BAGGAGE WAS LEFT UNCLAIMED.

5. WITHOUT A COMPLETE TECHNICAL EXAMINATION, THE AIRCRAFT
COULD NOT FLY AND LONDON ADVISED THE AJACCIO AUTHORITIES THAT
IT WAS SENDING ANOTHER PLANE TO PICK UP THE MALTESE PRIME
MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PASSENGERS.

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